

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

This film is an attempt to denigrate a true patriot, who by his service in Vietnam, paid his dues and certainly entitled him the right to protest the Vietnam war as he did. This film is a direct affront to all veterans, especially me.

If Mr. Sinclair is allowed to air this propaganda it will give him license to do whatever he wishes on these airways. Thank you.